

# GAMES AND TIME FILLERS



**NO ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OR ADVANCE PREPARATION REQUIRED** 😊

## **HOOP OR BEANBAG TOSS (can use beanbag, ball, balloon, or paper wad)**

Divide kids into two teams. Set out 2 plastic hoops at front of room. If no hoops use 2 boxes, 2 buckets, or 2 paper/plastic plates, or make 2 squares with blue painters tape on floor, or make 2 “targets” out of paper taped to the floor. Have kids line up and then take turns throwing beanbags into the hoops or targets. Before each kid gets a turn they must say the memory verse. Each beanbag in a hoop (or target) gets a point for the team! After each kid from each team has had a turn the team with most points wins! Can also be played without teams, single line. Blue painters tape is in plastic tub in Kids Church closet.

## **CIRCLE PASS**

Have all kids sit in a circle. Give a kid the ball (or balloon or Bible or empty cup or stuffed animal or potato or silly object). Kid must say the first word in the memory verse then pass the ball to next kid in the circle. Next kid must say the next word in the memory verse then pass the ball to next kid. Set a timer. When the timer goes off the kid with the ball must stand and say the whole verse. If they say the verse they get a prize. If not the game starts again with a new timer (shorter timer the next time).

## **BIBLE BALL TOSS (use Nerf or other soft, inflated ball or balloon or paper wad)**

Have kids sitting in chairs or standing. Toss the ball to a kid. When they catch the ball they must answer a question from the lesson, or answer another Bible question. If they get it right they get to toss it to another kid (or alternatively get a prize). If not they toss the ball back to you. Variation: have the kids standing. If they get the answer right when they catch the ball they toss it to another kid (or have them toss it back to you if you prefer). If they get it wrong they have to sit down. Last kid standing wins! Variation: divide kids into two teams. If the kid who catches the ball gets answer right gets to throw it to a team member. If the answer is wrong must throw it to the other team (or to you and you throw it to the other team). Team with most kids standing at end of the timer wins! Can use globe beachball and do a Missions theme where kids pray for the country their hands land on when they catch the ball.

## **“SNOWBALL” TOSS (Or you can call it “Manna” Toss) (thanks Jenny for this idea!)**

Divide kids into two teams. Each kid has one cottonball or paperwad. Put blue painters tape line across floor. Say “ready, set, go!”. Kids throw their cottonballs across the line to other team’s side. As the cottonballs land, kids try to throw them back to other team’s side. After two minutes say “stop!” Team with least number of cottonballs on its side wins! Can be played with balloons, napkin balls, papertowel wads, too. If no painters tape make a line of chairs or other and kids must throw them over the chairs.

## **BIBLE HANGMAN**

Draw a vertical line on the board. At the top of that line put a horizontal line with a noose at the end. Think of a word from the Bible, especially one from the lesson, and then write on the board a dash for each letter in the word. Have the kids take turns guessing a letter. If the letter is in the word write that letter on the corresponding dash. If not draw one line of the stick figure under the noose. For each wrong guess another section of the stick figure is drawn. If the kids guess the word before you finish drawing the stick figure in the noose they win!

Bible ideas: angel, Savior, cross, river, boat, ark, commandments, verse, heart, soul, helper, spirit, good, evil, sin, devil, love, pure, holy, Jesus, Moses, David, Daniel, lions, lamb, sheep, talents, parable, Mary, Joseph, Esther, Goliath, donkey, horse, revelation, creation, flood, rainbow, clouds, throne, sea, king, kingdom, righteous, grace, mercy, kind, prodigal, Samaritan, vineyard, widow, offering, altar, tabernacle, temple, water, calf, Peter, James, John, healed, praise, songs, worship, forgive, heaven, shepherd, stable, mountain, whale, fishes, nets, star, scripture, vision, oil, ladder, gold, myrrh, frankincense, tree, garden, prison, guards, miracle, joy, love. If you have more ideas write them here to help the next teacher 😊:

## **BIBLE Pictionary or BIBLE CHARADES**

Divide the kids into two teams. Pick one “clue-giver” for each team. On several pieces of paper write out phrases or words for the kids to guess. Can be Bible characters, Bible story items, short Bible verses, or everyday items if you run out of Bible ideas. Have one kid come up and try to draw picture clues on the white board to get his/her team to guess what’s on their paper. Set a timer (on cell phone or just watch the clock) for two minutes or whatever you prefer. If team guesses clue before time is up they get a point. Then wipe off the board (can use damp paper towel) and it is the next team’s turn. Can switch “clue-giver” for each turn or keep the same “clue-givers” for the whole game. Team with most points wins. Bible charades is the same except have child act out the clues instead of drawing them.

Ideas: angel, cross, river, ark, Ten commandments, Bible, heart, Ten Plagues, good and evil, love, Moses and the Red Sea, Daniel in the Lion’s Den, Jesus, Samson, David and Goliath, lamb, Mary, Joseph, Queen Esther, donkey, God created the world, flood, rainbow, throne, kingdom, prayer, offering, altar, tabernacle, temple, shepherd, heaven, John baptizes Jesus, Baby Jesus is born, Joseph’s coat of many colors, Shadrack/Meshack&Abednego, the manger, Blind Bartimeus, Jesus heals the lame man, The five loaves and two fishes, Jesus walks on the water, Jesus calms the storm, the good Samaritan, Jesus rises from the dead, Jonah and the whale, The Wisemen, Saul on road to Damascus. If you have more ideas write them here to help the next teacher 😊

## **MEMORY VERSE MEMORIZING IDEA (thanks Jacob and Alicia for this idea!)**

Write verse on the white board. Then erase one word and have kids say the verse again. Erase another word and have kids say verse again. Repeat until the kids can say the verse with all the words gone! Sort of like the “Dog named B-I-N-G-O” song.

# OTHER TIME FILLERS

## CANDY WALK

Tape pieces of paper to floor around room or in a circle. Each paper should have a number on it. Write same numbers on small squares of paper. Put paper squares in a bowl, cup or bag. Play a kid's Christian song on cell phone or have the kids all sing a worship song with you quietly. Have kids walk around room. When music stops they stop on a number. Pull a small paper square from bowl. Kid standing on that number wins. The kid must say memory verse and then gets a candy or prize.

## JUMPING FROG RACE

Plastic jumping frogs are in plastic baggie in the Kids Church tub. Divide kids into two teams (maybe boys vs girls, etc). Put line across floor with blue painter's tape or use other type of finish line if no tape. Give each kid a plastic jumping frog. Each team lines up on either side of blue line. Say "ready, set, go!" then each kid tries to jump their frog across the blue line to the other's team's side of the line. Kids can only jump their frogs by pushing the back of the frog with their finger or thumb. After one minute (or whatever time you predetermine) say "Stop!" The team with the most frogs over the line to the other team's side wins. Repeat a few times if you wish.

## COTTONBALL GAME

Two teams. Two players for each team come up front. Each team has a Kid #1 and Kid #2. Kids #1 sits in chairs and are blindfolded with bowl of cottonballs on lap and a spoon or ladle. Kids #2 stands behind holding empty plastic bowl on kid's #1's heads. Kids #1 tries to scoop cottonballs into bowl on top of head. Kids #2 helps by giving Kids #1 directions. Most cottonballs in bowl wins. (shows importance of following directions; or importance of helping; or importance of listening to God's voice or importance of working together)

## WHO AM I? (similar to Headbanz)

Put a label or tape a piece of paper on the back of each child and write a Bible character name or object on the label or paper. Each child must ask other kids questions to guess who their character or object is. They may only ask the one question of each kid then they have to go to another kid to ask the next question. Can use everyday items or names instead of Bible ones if you prefer. Example: one child may ask another child "am I a person or a thing?" "am I a good person or bad person?" "am I a man or woman?" "did I do any miracles?" "old testament or new testament?" "am I an animal?" "am I something to eat?" "am I bigger than a shoe box?" "am I bigger than a car?" Set a time of five minutes and see how many kids have figured out what's on their back. If you see some kids struggling you can give them a clue/hint. Be sure and give easier Bible characters or objects to the youngest kids.

**Ideas:** Mary, Joseph, Angel, Isaac, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Rachel, Jesus, Peter, Daniel, David, Goliath, Esther, Adam, Eve, Elijah, Shadrack, Jonah, donkey, angel, shepherd, Wiseman, King Solomon, King Herod, Pilot, lamb, Prodigal Son, Good Samaritan, Martha, Lazarus, Bartimeus, Zacheus, Nicodemus, manna, ten commandments, ark, apple, gold